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Attention: Jeffrey H. Ingerman

Dear Jeff,

Norwegian Patent Application No. 89 3003
PHILIP MORRIS PRODUCTS INC.
Your Ref: PM 1322
Our File: 30591

I enclose a translation of an office action issued by the Norwegian Patent Office citing four European, two Finnish and one U.S. patent publications. The term for reply will expire on 10th September.

We have not been sent copies of the references because it is assumed that we shall be purchasing them ourselves. In fact, most of them are already known to us, so no new issues are raised.

EP 271 036 corresponds to USSN 939 592, 254 848 to 891 073, 236 992 to 840 113 and 212 234 to USSN 769 532 and 790 484. The cited U.S. patent is PM 1088/89 but I cannot identify the Finnish publications and have copies on order.

I believe the U.S. application has been allowed without extensive claim amendment. In Norway, however, it will be necessary to present the claims in European style, with only the features distinguishing the main claim from the closest reference appearing in the second or characterising part of the claim.

We are also asked to supply the results of examination elsewhere, but this is something I can do for myself.

Please let me have your comments and instructions.

Yours sincerely,

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